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Weather Summary

Montana received limited precipitation for the week ending October 26th. Bredette received the most weekly accumulated precipitation at 0.62 of an inch. Highs were mostly in the 60s and 70s, and lows were mostly in the teens and 20s. Nye had the high temperature of 73 degrees, and Wisdom for the second consecutive week had the low of 3 degrees. Topsoil moisture adequate and surplus, at 61 percent, is below last week's 75 percent, but above last year's and the five year average of 49 percent. Subsoil moisture adequate and surplus is 42 percent, down from last week's 54 percent, but above last year's 30 percent and the five-year average of 27 percent. The number of days suitable for field work was 5.8 days, up from the previous week's 4.6 days.

The weather outlook for November 3rd through November 9th is for above normal temperatures and near normal precipitation east and west of the continental divide. Normal temperatures for this period in Montana are highs in the upper 30s to the upper 40s and lows 15 to the upper 20s.

Field Crops Report

Warm weather and wind dried out the sugar beet fields allowing harvest to resume currently at 71 percent compared to 54 percent the previous week and 94 percent last year. Ninety percent of winter wheat has emerged, with fifty-four percent of the crop in good to excellent condition. Corn for grain harvest continues with conditions similar last week.

Crop Condition Table	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
Corn				
Very Poor	1	1	0	n/a
Poor	2	1	4	n/a
Fair	12	13	14	n/a
Good	63	65	67	n/a
Excellent	22	20	15	n/a
Winter Wheat				
Very Poor	1	1	1	2
Poor	3	3	4	6
Fair	42	49	46	38
Good	49	42	45	43
Excellent	5	5	4	11

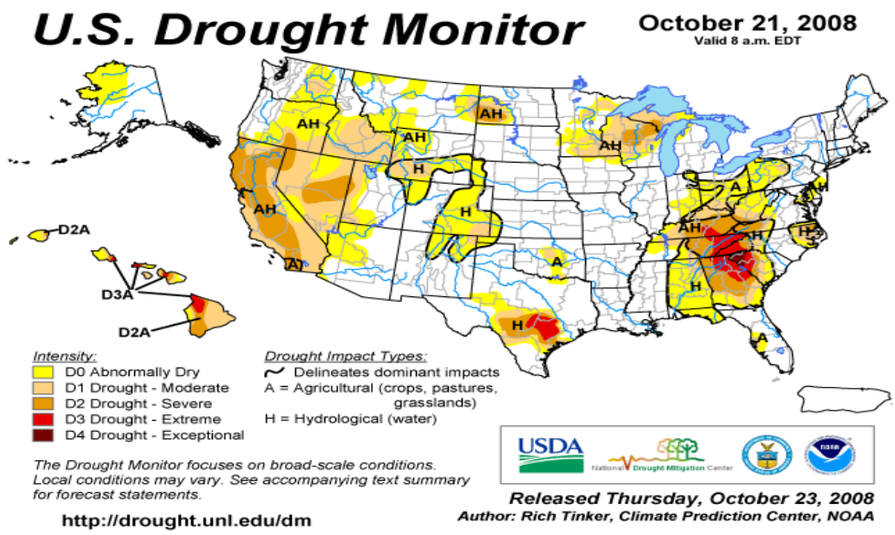
Soil Moisture & Field Work Table	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
Topsoil Moisture				
Very Short	5	3	9	20
Short	34	22	42	31
Adequate	56	68	46	45
Surplus	5	7	3	4
Subsoil Moisture				
Very Short	19	18	24	35
Short	39	28	46	38
Adequate	40	52	29	26
Surplus	2	2	1	1
Days Suitable for Fieldwork				
Days	5.8	4.6	6.3	5.4

Livestock Report

Range and pasture feed conditions decline from last week with twenty-nine percent is rated good to excellent compared to 36 percent the previous week and 32 percent last year. Eighteen percent of the cattle and 17 percent of sheep receiving supplemental feed.

Crop Progress Table	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
Planted				
Winter Wheat	99	96	98	98
Emerged				
Winter Wheat	90	71	81	76
Harvested				
Corn for Grain	8	4	44	25
Potatoes	98	79	94	91
Sugar Beets	71	54	94	78

Range & Livestock Table	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
Range and Pasture Feed Condition				
Very Poor	10	8	12	20
Poor	20	17	18	23
Fair	41	39	38	34
Good	24	32	28	19
Excellent	5	4	4	4
Livestock Moved From Summer Ranges				
Cattle and Calves	74	66	70	74
Sheep and Lambs	85	72	77	79
Livestock Receiving Supplemental Feed				
Cattle and Calves	18	11	16	17
Sheep and Lambs	17	11	14	15



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Weather Information for the Week ending 10/26/2008

Station ID	Temperature			GDDs		Precipitation							
						This Week		April 1 to Date			October 1 to Date		
	Hi	LOW	AVG	B50	DFN	Total	DFN	Total	DFN	%NRM	Total	DFN	%NRM
NORTHWEST													
Alberton	64	22	42	0	+0	0.25	+0.08	9.31	+0.54	106	1.31	+0.63	193
Anaconda	65	20	42	0	+0	0.16	-0.01	9.90	+0.23	102	0.76	+0.07	110
Clinton	60	21	42	0	+0	0.09	-0.17	10.75	+2.27	127	0.54	-0.29	65
Corvallis	62	21	42	0	+0	0.23	+0.09	5.75	-2.33	71	0.40	-0.23	63
Creston	59	23	41	0	+0	0.05	-0.23	10.70	-2.32	82	0.56	-0.48	54
Deer Lodge	65	16	38	0	+0	0.09	-0.01	7.88	-0.81	91	0.55	+0.05	110
Drummond	62	19	39	0	+0	0.16	+0.02	9.00	+0.25	103	0.64	+0.00	100
Hamilton	64	27	46	3	+3	0.00	-0.19	2.62	-5.61	32	0.00	-0.63	0
Kalispell	61	18	42	0	+0	0.10	-0.11	8.64	-1.56	85	0.42	-0.36	54
Missoula	61	24	42	0	+0	0.06	-0.11	7.44	-1.33	85	0.59	-0.09	87
Olney	55	14	35	0	+0	0.16	-0.20	9.27	-2.74	77	1.14	+0.00	100
Polson	57	24	42	1	+1	0.00	-0.21	10.16	-0.44	96	0.81	-0.06	93
St Ignatius	61	24	42	0	+0	0.05	-0.21	10.94	-0.42	96	0.88	-0.14	86
Seeley Lake	59	24	40	0	+0	0.15	-0.19	6.93	-3.31	68	0.43	-0.67	39
Sula	64	14	39	0	+0	0.12	-0.16	9.30	-1.64	85	0.71	-0.26	73
Superior	63	24	44	0	+0	0.08	-0.20	12.23	+3.05	133	0.48	-0.44	52
Swan Lake	59	20	38	0	+0	0.17	-0.37	11.44	-2.52	82	0.71	-1.02	41
Thompson Falls	66	27	46	2	+2	0.05	-0.38	8.59	-2.33	79	0.49	-0.85	37
West Glacier	55	18	39	0	+0	0.22	-0.29	12.17	-2.69	82	0.67	-1.01	40
NORTH CENTRAL													
Chester	60	19	43	0	+0	0.00	-0.07	10.15	+1.53	118	0.05	-0.37	12
Chinook	63	18	41	0	+0	0.04	-0.08	11.75	+1.15	111	0.05	-0.53	9
Choteau	65	12	46	6	+6	0.00	-0.08	11.21	+2.19	124	0.04	-0.42	9
Cut Bank	64	13	44	2	+2	0.01	-0.06	12.33	+1.85	118	0.11	-0.29	28
Ft Assinniboine	65	22	42	0	+0	0.05	-0.09	10.55	+0.09	101	0.17	-0.49	26
Fort Benton	68	21	42	0	-1	0.00	-0.14	12.34	+1.61	115	0.28	-0.41	41
Goldbutte	61	17	41	2	+2	0.11	-0.03	13.29	+2.09	119	0.24	-0.39	38
Harlem	63	17	42	0	+0	0.25	+0.18	9.80	+0.23	102	0.47	-0.01	98
Havre	65	22	44	7	+7	0.02	-0.12	8.82	-0.08	99	0.03	-0.51	6
Malta	60	26	44	0	+0	0.21	+0.07	10.58	-0.02	100	1.34	+0.68	203
Rudyard	64	22	42	0	+0	0.00	-0.07	11.47	+3.03	136	0.00	-0.40	0
Shelby	65	14	43	0	+0	0.00	-0.14	10.50	+0.86	109	0.04	-0.48	8
Turner	63	21	41	0	+0	0.12	+0.05	11.09	+1.70	118	0.55	+0.18	149
Valier	63	17	45	0	+0	0.12	-0.02	10.26	-0.19	98	0.16	-0.37	30
NORTHEAST													
Bredette	60	24	41	0	+0	0.62	+0.48	10.95	-0.23	98	1.62	+1.02	270
Culbertson	60	22	42	0	+0	0.18	+0.04	8.55	-3.07	74	1.51	+0.81	216
Glasgow	62	28	44	1	+1	0.12	-0.02	11.77	+2.48	127	1.34	+0.74	223
Glendive	59	26	45	1	+1	0.13	-0.08	9.96	-1.35	88	1.46	+0.58	166
Jordan	63	28	44	0	+0	0.33	+0.17	10.52	+0.15	101	1.25	+0.49	164
Nashua	64	24	43	0	-2	0.09	-0.05	12.17	+2.03	120	1.31	+0.62	190
Opheim	57	20	38	0	+0	0.25	+0.13	11.95	+0.98	109	0.85	+0.25	142
Plentywood	61	20	42	0	+0	0.04	-0.10	9.21	-1.82	83	0.45	-0.17	73
St Marie	58	25	43	0	+0	0.05	-0.09	8.75	-0.54	94	0.53	-0.07	88
Scobey	61	17	40	0	+0	0.39	+0.25	14.42	+3.65	134	1.18	+0.64	219
Sidney	58	24	43	0	+0	0.17	-0.04	8.40	-3.34	72	1.60	+0.72	182
Wolf Point	61	24	43	2	+2	0.23	+0.09	10.86	+0.91	109	1.05	+0.45	175
CENTRAL													
Cascade	65	9	42	1	+1	0.06	-0.10	13.82	+2.08	118	0.19	-0.60	24
Grass Range	68	27	45	3	+3	0.06	-0.15	14.92	+1.87	114	1.54	+0.74	193
Great Falls	66	20	45	5	+5	0.10	-0.11	12.07	+0.78	107	0.57	-0.22	72
Harlowton	72	22	42	0	+0	0.01	-0.13	14.01	+2.62	123	0.47	-0.19	71
Helena	62	28	45	5	+5	0.04	-0.10	6.75	-2.00	77	0.38	-0.17	69
Lewistown	67	26	44	5	+5	0.13	-0.08	13.90	+0.40	103	0.81	-0.09	90
Martinsdale	63	15	41	0	+0	0.00	-0.14	9.50	-1.44	87	0.55	-0.11	83
Neihart	63	18	40	0	+0	0.37	+0.09	16.19	-0.03	100	1.25	+0.09	108
Rogers Pass	63	24	41	0	+0	0.00	-0.23	15.08	+1.45	111	1.11	+0.08	108
Roundup	66	26	45	2	+2	0.03	-0.18	14.55	+3.64	133	1.70	+0.79	187
Ryegate	72	22	42	0	+0	0.01	-0.13	12.19	+1.83	118	0.52	-0.14	79
Stanford	68	22	45	2	+2	0.02	-0.19	13.05	-0.49	96	1.08	+0.23	127
Townsend	66	16	42	3	+3	0.04	-0.10	6.03	-2.69	69	0.31	-0.21	60
Valentine	66	24	43	1	+1	0.06	-0.08	13.44	+2.75	126	0.94	+0.36	162
Wht Sulphur Spr	65	15	41	0	+0	0.02	-0.19	9.46	-1.05	90	0.60	-0.27	69
SOUTHWEST													
Boulder	59	21	41	0	+0	0.10	-0.03	7.62	-1.58	83	0.59	+0.08	116
Bozeman	62	21	43	1	+1	0.11	-0.24	15.41	+1.19	108	0.86	-0.51	63
Butte	62	16	39	0	+0	0.12	-0.02	7.37	-2.34	76	0.29	-0.39	43
Dillon	64	17	43	0	+0	0.01	-0.13	4.98	-3.29	60	0.12	-0.42	22
Ennis	68	13	40	0	+0	0.02	-0.19	8.36	-2.20	79	0.15	-0.71	17
Lakeview	61	16	40	0	+0	0.07	-0.21	6.58	-6.80	49	0.45	-0.77	37
W Yellowstone	60	16	38	0	+0	0.09	-0.21	9.77	-1.86	84	1.19	+0.13	112
Wisdom	62	3	37	0	+0	0.17	+0.03	7.15	-1.31	85	0.45	-0.15	75
SOUTH CENTRAL													
Billings	68	32	48	3	+3	0.14	-0.14	11.57	+0.90	108	1.82	+0.73	167
Cooke City	60	20	41	0	+0	0.10	-0.25	8.13	-6.68	55	0.59	-0.71	45
Gardiner	65	20	45	2	+2	0.00	-0.14	3.42	-3.88	47	0.22	-0.38	37
Hardin	71	26	48	11	+8	0.00	-0.27	12.09	+2.87	131	1.25	+0.13	112
Huntley	72	23	45	2	+2	0.12	-0.09	13.27	+2.48	123	2.26	+1.28	231
Hysham	66	26	46	2	+2	0.00	-0.22	12.70	+2.09	120	2.42	+1.40	237
Joliet	64	27	44	0	+0	0.11	-0.22	11.12	-0.46	96	1.54	+0.20	115
Livingston	66	22	45	5	+5	0.21	-0.04	10.01	-2.29	81	0.59	-0.44	57
Nye	73	23	48	14	+14	0.09	-0.19	17.85	+3.43	124	2.03	+0.79	164
Rapelje	65	26	46	5	+5	0.12	-0.16	13.79	+2.07	118	1.83	+0.75	169
SOUTHEAST													
Albion	64	17	42	0	+0	0.00	-0.22	22.22	+9.98	182	1.83	+0.86	189
Baker	57	22	42	0	+0	0.11	-0.16	11.06	-0.71	94	1.13	+0.05	105
Broadus	67	24	43	2	+2	0.02	-0.26	17.02	+6.47	161	2.23	+1.17	210
Ekalaka	57	23	40	0	+0	0.03	-0.31	16.64	+2.86	121	1.96	+0.59	143
Miles City	62	30	46	4	+4	0.20	-0.01	10.54	-0.41	96	1.68	+0.71	173
Plevna	58	19	41	0	+0	0.08	-0.19	11.26	-0.51	96	1.28	+0.20	119

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